

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered in England and Wales as a Charity, No. 270036

Annual Trustees' Report for 2024 (Issued in 2025)

1. Legal and Administrative Information

1.1 Charity

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers ("the Council") was founded in 1891 and is a registered charity, no.270036. Its address is that of its Treasurer for the time being, currently 136 Milehouse Road, Plymouth, PL3 4DE. The constitution and conduct of the Council is governed by its Rules, last revised in May 2018, amended September 2022.

1.2 Trustees

The Council's Trustees during 2024 were as follows:

President	Dr T Stoecklin
Deputy President	Mrs V Chapman
Secretary	Mr E de Legh-Runciman
Treasurer	Mr F M S Stracey
Ordinary Trustee	Prof I Roulstone
Ordinary Trustee	Mr C R Whittaker (until 7 th September 2024)
	Mr P Harrison (from 7 th September 2024)
Ordinary Trustee	Ms B Faber
Ordinary Trustee	Mrs C M A Lane

1.3 Principal Agents and Advisors

The Council's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Butler Place Branch, 1 Butler Place, Westminster, London, SW1H 0PR. Its Independent Examiners are Mr D Walker & Mr T Payne. Its insurers are Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Benefact House, 2000 Pioneer Avenue, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AW.

2. Objectives and Activities

2.1 Charitable Objects (as defined in Rule 3.2):

To advance the practice, heritage and appreciation of bell ringing as an enjoyable mental and physical exercise and unique performing art for the public benefit of both church and community, in particular but not exclusively by:

Communications and Relationships

- a) encouraging the growth and public appreciation of bell ringing;
- b) representing the interests of bell ringing and ringers through promoting the development of strong relationships with the church, stakeholders, the media and others outside the bell ringing community;

- c) facilitating communication and cohesion amongst ringers and bell ringing societies to assist ringers in supporting each other and achieving their bell ringing objectives;
- d) using its efforts to foster the continuing recruitment and retention of ringers;

Learning and Development

- e) promoting excellence in ringing by encouraging relevant technical and leadership training;

Stewardship and Management

- f) encouraging sources of funding, products, expertise and facilities to support ringing and the availability of bell installations;
- g) sharing, promoting, and advising on best practice relating to the maintenance and improvement of bell installations and training facilities;
- h) promoting best practice relating to statutory compliance, safety and governance in relation to ringing;

Technical and Taxonomy

- i) defining and publishing technical standards in bell ringing;
- j) encouraging research and innovation in the advancement of bell ringing, its methodologies, tools and technologies;

Historical and Archive

- k) promoting the availability and appreciation of historic resources, publications and artefacts relating to the heritage of bell ringing and the role of individual ringers.

2.2 Public Benefit

The public benefits from the following areas of activity of the Council:

- (i) the promotion of public worship by the ringing of church bells;
- (ii) the preservation of the tradition and heritage of change ringing;
- (iii) the encouragement and promotion of high standards of ringing;
- (iv) the provision of financial and specialist knowledge in the support of belfry repairs and maintenance;
- (v) the provision of guidance and specialist knowledge with regard to health and safety, safeguarding, noise control, data protection, fire risk assessment and insurance matters, as they relate to ringers and ringing;
- (vi) the preparation and publication of educational and training materials.

3. **Structure, Governance and Management**

3.1 Executive

The Executive is responsible to the members, through the annual meeting, for the general running of the Council. It holds regular meetings during the year and is in contact by electronic means between meetings. Executive members, who are also the Trustees, are directly elected by the members. They retire in rotation and are limited to a maximum of six years on the Executive unless the members resolve otherwise at an annual meeting. The Executive appoints the workgroup leaders and individual Executive members act as sponsors for workgroups.

3.2 Workgroups

The Council has eight Workgroups: (1) Young Ringers for Ringing 2030, (2) Technology for Ringing 2030,

(3) Ringing 2030 Recruitment and Development, (4) Ringing 2030 Marketing, (5) Ringing 2030 Environments, (6) Historical and Archive, (7) Technical and Taxonomy, (8) Stewardship, Guidance and Management. Most of the work of the Council is carried out by these Workgroups. Other activities are carried out by Stewards and other volunteers who look after, inter alia, safeguarding, performance recording, equality and diversity monitoring and advice, and publications.

The role and duties of the eight workgroups were analysed during a consultation exercise in the 4th quarter of 2024, with a new workgroup structure proposed for approval via a change to Standing Orders. This was taken to the first Executive Meeting in 2025. The purpose of this was to better deliver on the Ringing 2030 Programme and establish clearer lines of reporting for Stewards and other volunteers.

3.3 Membership

The Council's membership comprises Representative Members (elected or appointed by affiliated societies); Small Society Representatives (elected or appointed by Registered Small Societies); the trustees, stewards and workgroup leaders who shall be ex-officio members if not otherwise members; and Fellows. Only Representative Members and those Fellows who were elected prior to 28 May 2018, may vote at an annual meeting. Applications by societies to affiliate are approved at an annual meeting. Applications to become a Registered Small Society are approved in accordance with the Rules and Standing Orders.

4. Progress and Achievements in 2024

2024 has been a transformative year for the Central Council, marked by a fundamental reform of Working Groups, the laying of foundations for Ringing 2030, a focus on volunteer recruitment and a look at our long term financial sustainability.

Key achievements:

- Launch of new workgroups specifically targeted at Ringing 2030
- All Workgroup Lead vacancies filled
- Completion of the move of the Library to a new home at the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust
- Completion of the Touring Tower and transfer of assets to the Mobile Belfry Trust
- Relaunch of new publications team
- Successful trial of new Bellringing branding at the Essex International Jamboree
- Recruitment of new Library Stewards
- Launch of the Ringers Code of Conduct
- Initial launch of the Young Ringers Hub

Changes in personnel

At the AGM in September 2024, Clyde Whittaker retired as an Ordinary Trustee. Clyde has been a hardworking and influential Trustee, being one of the original team that ushered in the new governance and organisational structure of the Central Council. He has also sponsored the Council Safeguarding Team, including the creation and launch of the Ringers' Code of Conduct. His efforts at outreach and negotiation with many Dioceses has helped to bring an awareness of bellringing and how safeguarding can effectively operate.

The vacancy was filled by Peter Harrison. Peter is a past President of the Australia and New Zealand Association of Bellringers, the current Secretary, and remains involved in the oversight of the association's finances. With the election of Peter to the Executive, there is a more than 30% representation from ringers outside of England, further enforcing our role as an internationally representative body. Peter continues to advocate for ensuring the broad accessibility of Ringing 2030 to all ringers.

2024 saw the retirement of the entire Central Council Publications team, as well as the retirement Alan Glover as Library Steward. Both have modestly and effectively been at the

service of ringers for many years. Fulfilment activities were taken over by Jim and Sara Bence in September, and David Kirkaldy is leading the construction of a new commissioning team. We welcomed Andrew Aspland and Sue Marsden as new Library Stewards.

Early in 2024 our new Public Relations Officer retired, and Angela Elliott was appointed later in 2024.

The following Workgroup Leads were appointed or confirmed in 2024:

Dickon Love – Historical and Archive

Kira Chase – Technology and Taxonomy

Andrea Haynes – Young Ringers for Ringing 2030

John Lagdon – Marketing for Ringing 2030

Mark Ogden – Ringing 2030 Environments

Paul Wotton and Martyn Bristow retained their positions while the focus and terms of the workgroups were re-aligned to Ringing 2030.

With all these new volunteers, many of them new to the Central Council, it became clear that more internal guidance and structure was needed in order to allow them to do their work and make the best use of the tools the Council can provide. The Executive produced a Ways of Working document, which outlined the responsibilities and resources available to a workgroup lead. We have a lot of tools to support volunteers, including a Microsoft license, free hosting space, a professional Zoom account as well as policies in place for claiming expenses, or managing payments. While all this information existed in various corners of the Council's digital estate, it has now been drawn together into a single document.

Although the ambitions of Ringing 2030 have increased the need for involvement of more volunteers, the scale of recruitment necessary for key roles was also driven by timing. Under the reorganised governance structure set in place in 2018, workgroup leads have a five-year term of office. While there is a rolling rotation of elections in the Executive, this was not in place for appointed roles, and a large number of key volunteer roles reached their term limit at the same time.

The balance between encouraging new talent and preserving existing expertise has also been exposed. A longstanding group that works well together is key to keeping our existing systems and services available, as well as good stewardship of the Council's assets on behalf of all ringers. To this end we proposed and successfully carried a motion to alter the term limits on appointed Stewards. Within those successful teams it is also important to consider succession planning and long term sustainability, so that we avoid replacing a key team all at once. The Executive is now pursuing an active policy to ensure that multiple Stewards are in place for a Stewardships to help with this balance.

Finances

The size of the long term cash reserves of the Central Council is larger than needed for controlled disaster recovery/termination/emergencies, and we should be using that excess money for supporting projects. Previous executives have committed significant funds in support of Ringing 2030, including marketing research and the production of professional branding assets, support for the construction of the Touring Tower. We continued that major project support with loan instruments for the new SouthWest Ringing Course. The Council also approved additional funding to support the move of the Library Collection, and the production of a new Roll of Honor book.

Due to the cessation of ringing and in-person activities during the COVID pandemic, the Council had been operating with a general surplus, and by 2024 this surplus had been exhausted. It was clear that we would need to tap into cash reserves in order to meet our basic running costs. It was also clear that we could not achieve the full ambition of Ringing 2030 without continuing to commit significant financial resource. While the Council has more than adequate fund to meet its current needs, it was necessary to explore the long term financial stability of the Council. We held multiple open consultation meetings on this with other Treasurers, Council members and members of the wider ringing community.

Finally we proposed a radical increase in affiliation fees, in two stages, the first of which would come into effect at the end of 2024, and the second a year later, which was approved at the AGM in September.

Nevertheless, with the increase in funding available it was clear that we needed stronger financial controls and forecasting, as well as improved communications on project plans. This work was began immediately following the AGM and continues into 2025.

Ringling 2030

The Trustees and Executive delegate much of the work of delivering Ringling 2030 to the Workgroups, with regular progress reports from those Workgroups. Each Workgroup has an Executive Sponsor from the Trustees whose role is to ensure that activities are aligned with the Objects of the charity and that any issues and difficulties can be resolved quickly.

Recruitment of new volunteers towards Ringling 2030 projects occupied much of 2024, and new Workgroup Leads required time to absorb the projects underway and begin to plan for the larger projects. Many of these projects, such as the Young Ringers Hub, School lesson plans and the recruitment network are multi-year projects that will require time to bear fruit. However, some key accomplishments and milestone in 2024 included:

- **Bellringing branding** - assets created in consultation with YellowYoYo, including the original marketing research, original graphics, editable pdf posters, website designs and style guide are available free of charge to all affiliated societies and other ringing groups. A portal for ordering t-shirts and customisable pull-up banners was launched in November.
- **School lesson plans** - trial lessons at a secondary school in Romford, using curriculum material written by Jason Hughes and supported by volunteers from the Essex Association. Since then a steering committee has been put together to identify educational partners and drive the initial rollout.
- **Essex Jamboree** - John Lagdon with Beth Johnson from the Essex coordinated the first major outing for the Touring, featuring the new Bellringing branding. Volunteers from around the country supported the event, and looked professional in their coordinated, branded t-shirts. It was estimated that about 1000 scouts came to the stand and had a go at bellringing, establishing that this type of activity is key to the Ringling 2030 aim of improving general awareness of bellringing.
- **Intangible Cultural Heritage** - with the announcement that the UK government has agreed to participate in the UNESCO scheme, the Executive held an open public consultation on how to ensure bellringing is considered, and whether such a listing was worth pursuing. The overwhelming consensus was that this would benefit the profile of bellringing, and influence other stakeholders as to the importance of bellringing. The outcomes of the meeting showed several potential approaches and a lively conversation on Ringling Forums. Currently the UK Government is still in very early consultation stages, and we are a long way from being able to apply.
- **Changing Churches** - A substantial piece of research by Simon Linford and Alison Hodge gave us a national picture of the impact on ringing through the change of use or closing of church buildings. This included interviews with key stakeholders in the Church of England, other church denominations, the CCT and other heritage organisations, as well as collating research done by ringing associations (most notably by the Lincoln DG). The research concluded with a checklist of danger signs, and a list of things that ringing groups could do. This piece was presented to the DAC Bell Advisors conference in April and to the Council AGM in September, and continues to be developed through 2025.

Communications

The President's Blog, published regularly, continues to be a valuable and popular channel for connecting the activities of the Council with the wider ringing population. It exploits all the media channels the Council has available to it and has done much to raise the profile of the

Council. The key publicity outlets continue to be the news feeds from the Central Council website and placed articles in *The Ringing World*. Workgroup leads have been effective at attracting new volunteers through appeals in social media.

The Ringing Forums platform continues to be utilised by a core of ringers, and is used to discuss areas of policy, training, finance and recruitment.

The Executive has held open consultation meetings throughout the year to increase engagement with ringers. These are held on Zoom to allow broad participation. Topics have included Intangible Cultural Heritage, introduction to the new Bellringing branding, finances in ringing, and discussions with university societies.

Regular communication continues with key ringing partners as well as other stakeholders.

Challenges

Volunteers. Ringing has been led by volunteers and accomplished amazing things from a few very dedicated people. However, along with every ringing organisation, the recruitment of volunteers is increasingly challenging. Most of the Executive's time in 2024 was spent in recruiting volunteers and then giving sufficient support, which was not always possible. We have long recognised that being entirely reliant on volunteers causes projects to evolve slowly and this has in the past been an acceptable exchange. However, we are reaching the point where if we want projects to happen at all, we will need to have paid support in place. The success and agility of other ringing charities which have used paid support offers further evidence for this. For this reason, the 2025 budget, published at the end of the year, included a part time support role for recruitment activities.

Membership and inclusion. The fee rises have underlined the inconsistencies in our affiliation requirements and that these present barriers to participation, especially for younger ringers and their smaller societies. Initial discussions with university-based organisations and other stakeholder ringing organisations underlined that a 'sticking plaster' approach risks entangling us in bureaucracy and taking attention away from Ringing 2030 efforts. At the end of 2024 an independent and broadly representative membership review group was tasked with evaluation membership requirements and impacts. Work on this continues in 2025.

Internal communication continues to be as challenging in 2024 as it has been in past years. An attempt to put an internal communications coordinator was trialled but it was clear it would require better terms of reference. While the Central Council website remains a key source of information, the information architecture is unwieldy and the content uneven. As the readership of *The Ringing World* continues to age, this becomes a less effective tool for promoting the Council, and for encouraging thoughtful conversations.

The year ahead

2025 will see the continuing of projects started for Ringing 2030. The core project work with YellowYoYo is now completed; however, the relationship continues, and they remain available for small projects to help work progress. After the creation of the brand vision and assets, 2025 brings opportunities for putting this work to use in real contexts, including local recruitment and marketing campaigns, and the launch of the marketing and recruitment website. Outreach to young ringers continues to be a high priority and the Young Ringers Hub, and School Lesson plans projects will progress.

5. Statement of Policies

5.1 Reserves

(i) **General Fund** – the balance on the General Fund is invested to produce income which, together with member societies' affiliation fees, provides sufficient funds to support the work and activities of the Council. The balance also facilitates cash flow and enables the development of new projects and initiatives. The Trustees have agreed that a minimum of £75,000 needs to be kept as a reserve in the general fund. This is in order to cover three years of overheads, provide adequate cash flow and give a reasonable level of contingency against any unforeseen financial risks. This fund is unrestricted.

(ii) **Education Courses Fund** – the balance provides cash flow to enable the Volunteer and Leadership Workgroup to run various training courses; in general the costs are recouped from attendees. This is an unrestricted designated fund.

(iii) **Bell Restoration Fund** – the balance is fully allocated to bell restoration projects and paid on satisfactory completion of the work. Grants are made in proportion to the types of applications received and in accordance with priorities agreed by the Council and reviewed annually. Members approved an increase in the maximum possible grant to £2,000 in May 2018. This is a restricted fund.

(iv) **Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund** – Grants from the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund are made in accordance with the terms of Mr Dukes' legacy. Grants are awarded from the interest on the legacy and reviewed annually. This is a restricted fund.

(v) **Publications Fund** – the balance represents the stock of publications held and a cash balance to facilitate the production of new titles and the reprinting of existing publications. This is an unrestricted designated fund.

(vi) **Library Fund** – this fund represents the value of the library as well as sundry income items and is restricted to use for the benefit of the library, which is maintained for use by council members and affiliated societies.

5.2 Investment

Funds are invested in low-risk investments and bank accounts. The need for regular income from investments is considered important to support the work of the Council.

5.3 Investment and Borrowing Powers

The Trustees have the power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council. They do not have any power to borrow money, except by Council resolution.

5.4 Risk Assessment

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which they believe the Council may be exposed and have taken steps to minimise and manage those risks.

The Council's banking deposits are fully protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Expenditure is only incurred on receipt of relevant supporting documentation and proof of service delivery. Bank statements are electronically available to the Treasurer. The Treasurer provides a financial update to each Executive meeting, highlighting financial issues that need to be brought to the Executive's attention.

5.5 Expenses

Updated guidance on expenses was approved by the Executive in November 2019.

5.6 Safeguarding

The Council's guidance on safeguarding was revised in June 2019 and issued to societies and members. A safeguarding policy applicable to the Council and its own activities and events was prepared in January 2020 and placed on the website.

5.7 Conflicts of Interest

Members of the Executive are required to complete an annual declaration of Conflicts of Interest which is available to the members.

5.8 Data Protection (GDPR)

The guidance note on data protection was last reviewed in January 2018. A privacy notice is available on the website.

6. Review of Financial Activities

The accounts for 2024 show total funds at the year-end of £397,802, less than in 2013 the total then was £419,257. Restricted funds accounted for £223,837 of the total funds. Income for the year totalled £39,698 (including publications and library sales of £17,223 and £12 on behalf of YCRA). Publication sales dipped slightly as result of the change over to the new team, but have subsequently picked up.

Interest received from investments increased by £1,147 compared with the previous year despite the withdrawal of some of the investment funds.

There was a reduction in affiliation fees of £183 which was, after investigation, attributed to the way societies count their members.

The 2024 figures include further donations for the Kilifi project totalling £120.

There has been no significant fundraising during the year.

Expenditure for bell restoration grants totalled £12,550, and publication cost of sales was £3,473. Other items of expenditure include Ringing 2030 of £7,138. The total expenditure for Ringing 2030 over the last three years was £27,951. It should be noted that for Ringing 2030 to be a success the Executive is reliant of the efforts of ringers at society and tower level using the resources which are being put in place by the Central Council, otherwise the monies spent will have been wasted.

The loan to the Young Change Ringers Association (£3,000) has been repaid and £1,284 is held on their behalf.

The Council had no employees during the year. All of its work is carried out on a voluntary basis, for which grateful thanks.

It is confirmed that the Council's assets, together with the expected income for 2025, are available and will be adequate to fulfil the objects of the Council in that year. The 2025 financial estimates were approved by the Executive in December 2024 and they support the fact that the Trustees consider that the CCCBR is a going concern, i.e. that the Central Council can meet its commitments for the foreseeable future.

Of the unrestricted funds £75,000 is held in abeyance under our Reserve Policy, which leaves a balance of £45,011 available project expenditure, a reduction of £18,316. The majority of these funds are held in interest bearing accounts and as they are drawn down the amount of interest received will be correspondingly reduced.

On reviewing the financial controls, aside from changes already mentioned, they are consistent with prior years.

7. Membership

At the close of the Annual General Meeting on 7th September 2024 the Council's membership comprised 4 Fellows, 15 Ex-officio Members and 199 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies and 2 small societies. Of the 199 Representative Members, there are 28 vacancies.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 27th July 2025.

T Stoecklin
President

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Note	F Dukes						Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	General Fund	Educational Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	International Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Expenditure								
Incoming Resources								
Affiliation fees	6,935	-	-	-	-	-	6,935	7,118
Worshipful Company of Founders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions from friends of Library	-	-	-	-	-	1,160	1,160	1,165
Interest receivable 7.0	5,634	-	1,086	2,986	510	602	10,818	9,671
Sales of publications, books and CDs	-	-	-	-	14,910	-	14,910	17,306
Merchandising Income 9.3	805	-	-	-	-	-	805	-
Sales of training video/dvd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spare heading	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Young Change Ringers Association	12	-	-	-	-	-	12	60
Stock written back	-	-	-	-	41	-	41	398
Donations re Roll of Honour 8.4	730	-	-	-	-	-	730	-
Donations to Christchurch Cathedral, NZ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations to Kilifi, Kenya 8.1	-	-	120	-	-	-	120	120
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant for Ringing Remembers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library outreach day	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Royalties re Three Rings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other donations 8.3	-	-	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	1,228
AGM Weekend	3,067	-	-	-	-	-	3,067	6,902
	17,183	-	2,306	2,986	15,461	1,762	39,698	43,968
Resources expended								
AGM Weekend	6,114	-	-	-	-	-	6,114	5,197
2026 AGM Weekend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Workgroup expenses 9.1	3,265	-	-	-	-	-	3,265	4,294
ART conference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Young Change Ringers Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mobile Belfry	8,013	-	-	-	-	-	8,013	2,940
Merchandise for Resale 9.3	498	-	-	-	-	-	498	900
Wearebellringing Shopify Website 9.3	248	-	-	-	-	-	248	-
SW Course Grant	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	4,370
Recruitment leaflets	78	-	-	-	-	-	78	78
Cost of publications sold	-	-	-	-	3,473	-	3,473	6,155
Ringing 2030 9.2	7,138	-	-	-	-	-	7,138	16,613
New Website Hosting - 2 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,554
Kilifi - cost of project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	131	131	93
Equipment costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants for bell restoration 10	-	-	11,450	1,100	-	-	12,550	11,550
Advertising	-	-	-	-	574	96	670	1,345
Storage and distribution 12	-	-	-	-	1,666	-	1,666	2,000
Stationery, postage and telephone	-	-	-	-	2,807	508	3,315	3,945
Insurance	2,989	-	-	-	-	-	2,989	3,171
Stock write off provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stock written off and disposed of	-	-	-	-	1,941	-	1,941	-
Roll of Honour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	62	62	69
Depreciation - Library Collection	-	-	-	-	-	1,584	1,584	1,616
Depreciation - Bookcases (2024)	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	106
Paypal charges	43	-	-	-	374	-	417	382
Website	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	33,386	-	11,450	1,100	10,835	4,381	61,152	66,378
Net incoming resources before transfers	(16,203)	-	(9,144)	1,886	4,626	(2,619)	(21,454)	(22,410)
Revaluation of Library Collection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	889	-	(886)	(3)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(15,315)	-	(10,029)	1,883	4,626	(2,620)	(21,455)	(22,410)
Balances at 31 December 2023	160,440	-	35,711	80,382	24,944	117,780	419,257	441,667
Balances at 31 December 2024	145,125	-	25,682	82,265	29,570	115,160	397,802	419,257

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Publicat ions Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets									
Tangible assets									
Investments at cost		135,092	-	17,777	79,131	-	-	232,000	272,000
Library Collection		-	-	-	-	-	77,615	77,615	79,199
Library Bookcases	13	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	8,000	-
Total fixed assets		135,092	-	17,777	79,131	-	85,615	317,615	351,199
Current assets									
Stock	9.3	6,450	-	-	-	4,825	-	11,275	6,449
Debtors and prepayments		3,213	-	84	204	-	145	3,646	925
Cash on short term deposit and at bank		1,354	-	7,821	2,930	26,518	29,401	68,024	63,813
Total current assets		11,017	-	7,905	3,134	31,343	29,546	82,945	71,187
Current liabilities									
Creditors - amounts due within one year		(984)	-	-	-	(1,773)	-	(2,757)	(3,129)
Net current assets		10,033	-	7,905	3,134	29,570	29,546	80,188	68,058
Total assets less current liabilities		145,125	-	25,682	82,265	29,570	115,161	397,803	419,257
Funds									
Unrestricted		120,011	-	-	-	-	-	120,011	138,327
Unrestricted - designated	14	24,384	-	-	-	29,570	-	53,954	47,057
Restricted	15	730	-	25,682	82,265	-	115,160	223,837	233,873
Total funds		145,125	-	25,682	82,265	29,570	115,160	397,802	419,257



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

270036

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") and financial year.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination, to which attention should be drawn in this report, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

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Date:

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Section B

Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

There is nothing to disclose.